



# Rostrevor Kindergarten

## NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 5

### Term One Dates

8<sup>th</sup> March  
Adelaide Cup (Holiday)  
11<sup>th</sup> March  
C&YH Checks @ IINido  
16<sup>th</sup> March  
Governing Council 6pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Friday (Holiday)  
5<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Monday (Holiday)  
9<sup>th</sup> April  
Last Day Term One

### Term Two Dates

26<sup>th</sup> April  
Anzac Day (Holiday)  
4<sup>th</sup> May  
Gardening with Rebecca  
4<sup>th</sup> May  
Governing Council 6pm  
5<sup>th</sup> May  
Gardening with Rebecca  
27<sup>th</sup> May  
Pupil Free Day  
8<sup>th</sup> June  
Kindy Photo Day  
8<sup>th</sup> June  
Governing Council 6pm  
10<sup>th</sup> June  
Kindy Photo Day  
14<sup>th</sup> June  
**Queens B'Day (Holiday)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Last Day Term 2

This term is flying by quickly and we have already started to discuss some upcoming dates for next term. I have put in the dates we know for this term and term 2. We have also booked Erin from Dancify next term and I am waiting for her to confirm the dates.

### Curriculum

We have also been learning about sea creatures and the animals that live in them. The children have been observing the animals from the Nature Education Centre by doing drawings and talking about what they notice. The next few weeks we are learning about shapes in our small groups. This involves shape hunts, shapes and music, cutting and pasting shapes and using different materials. Hopefully you might hear some of this mathematical shape language at home.

### Vegetable Garden Update

When Rebecca from Greenhill Living came this term we re-assessed the garden beds. Over the holidays the garden beds moved and they began falling apart on the sides and corners. The tops of the beds were **also sharp for the children and the rubber edging wouldn't stay on.** The garden beds were also full of tree roots which were taking most of the water from the plants. At the end of 2020 Rebecca suggested we get a quote for Wicking Beds from Adelaide Hills Vegie Gardens. They have quoted for 3 new garden beds at a cost of \$2550. We will go ahead and get these installed ready for the new planting in Autumn in term 2. We are continuing to spend time in the vegetable garden and now the carrots basil, and herbs are growing well. We have harvested some salt bush (which is an indigenous plant) and we are drying it in the café. Once it is dried the children can use mortar and pestle to grind it up and taste it if they want.

### Reminders: Parking

We ask families to not use the car park outside the Kindergarten to drop off and pick up children as it can create a safety issue with children coming in and out. If you have a circumstance where you require a disabled car park please speak to staff so we can help accommodate your needs.

### Governing Council:

In week 4 we held the AGM. Thank you to those families that were able to attend.

We nominated our new Governing council members for 2021:

Chairperson: Kylie Hicks (*Ada's Mum in the yellow group*)

Secretary: Rachel (staff)

Governing Council Members: Audra Edginton, John Moore, Nina Iouguina, Liana Penna and Simone Hughes.

At this stage we would welcome more members so we don't need to delay meetings as there is a minimum amount of 5 members required to go ahead. Governing Council meetings are twice a term and go for approximately an hour. The teachers do a very comprehensive report on what the children have been learning at Kindergarten at each meeting and feedback from members over previous years is that parents find this very useful to build on conversations at home.

Enrolling at Stradbroke School  
 Many of the families who are at Kindy are planning on sending their child to Stradbroke School in 2022. If you haven't already enrolled we suggest you contact the school on 8337 5349.



Instagram page: "Rostrevor Kindergarten"  
 Instagram page Families are welcome to follow the page it will be general information about what is happening at Kindergarten and not about specific children. Please be mindful if you comment on photos as we want to keep it positive for everyone, staff also need to adhere to DECD policies to ensure safety for everyone. If you have any concerns please speak to Tina.

### Family Information Sheets

We would really appreciate if families can still please fill out the Information sheets which we have put into the pockets. We find this information very valuable and we use it to help with our future planning.

### Term One Fees and Excursion Levy

Thank you to all the families who have paid fees for term one or the year. The \$70 Excursion Levy is added on to the fees in term 1. Below is a breakdown of what your levy will cover for this year. Other excursions may arise throughout the year but we are planning to stay within the \$70 costing of the levy.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
\$5.00 Gardening Greenhill Living	\$25 Dancify (5 weeks at Kindy)	\$10.00 Indigenous Culture (dreaming story at Kindy)	\$10.00 African Drumming
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Borrowing Hector the Turtle....Over the year your child will have the opportunity to take Hector (a toy turtle) home for an overnight visit. We encourage families when they have Hector to take photos or children do drawings to record the adventures he has at your house. We will encourage your child to then share their stories to our group the following day to encourage their oral language skills.

We have started our focus on the sea environment particularly focussing on sea turtles where there are many becoming endangered due to climate change and rubbish in the environment. We have sponsored a Sea Turtle called Hector. Each year we sponsor an animal and talk to the children about sustainability and caring for their world.

*Outcome 2 from the EYLF: Children are connected with and contribute to their world and Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.*